

"EAGER TO MARCH."

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PARIS, Dec. 9.—Admiral Poyron, minister of marine, has received a dispatch from Saigon, dated yesterday, stating that the French forces have reconquered within two and a half miles of Banhinh. Admiral Courbet reconquered the approaches to Son-tay, on the Red river, on Nov. 23. The French captured a junk near Haiphong which was laden with combustibles and had seven men on board. The subgovernment of Haiphong, having been suspected of acting in collusion with the enemy, has been sent to Saigon for trial. Admiral Courbet, in a private letter to the governor of Cochinchina, stated that operations will shortly begin. He says, "We are eager to march."

Premier Ferry still withholds his reply to the dispatch of Marquis Tseng, in which the latter asked that Admiral Courbet be instructed to cease operations against Son-tay and Banhinh. Marquis Tseng, becoming impatient to-day, asked that an immediate response be given at any time from Admiral Courbet that he has captured Son-tay, Banhinh, and Haiphong as well. It is doubtful whether the reconnaissance of the gunboats on the Songkoi river discovered Chinese forces on both sides. The river is strong, however, in its entrenchments, which extend along its banks for miles.

ENGLAND.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—It is contemplated among the friends of O'Donnell to present a memorial to the home secretary asking that his sentence be commuted. The grounds on which the plea would be heard are that it was not established in the trial that the murder of Carey was premeditated. There is no truth in the report that Minister Lowell is making an effort to obtain a respite for O'Donnell. Mr. Lowell has received no instructions from the United States government which, in his judgment, would justify him in interfering. It will be seen, therefore, that the hopes that commutation will be granted must be extremely feeble. The general feeling is that O'Donnell will suffer the penalty at the appointed time. It is very significant in this connection also that the present home secretary, ever since he entered upon his office, has shown an unvarying predilection for executions. The demand of O'Donnell in his prison continues to be exemplary. When informed of the date of his execution he received the intelligence with the most complete composure, and said to Father Fleming, who was with him, "I am quite ready to meet my fate. I have done my duty." As he cannot read, his prayers are read to him daily. In his conversation with the warden he is self-possessed and cheerful.

The Standard's correspondent on board the British gunboat Skylark, in the Red Sea, sends the following: "Her majesty's ship Amberwitch, which has just been spoken, reports that all is well at Suakin. The rebels fire into the town nightly, but do no harm. Six hundred black troops made a sally from the town on Sunday and attacked the rebels, with no definite result. The telegraph line to Jeddah has been cut. Arabs allege that Commander Moncrieff, the British consul, is still alive. This story is not believed. The country toward the south is reported to be quiet. The government is subsidizing the people in those parts. The troops stationed at Suakin keep up a national demonstration day and night, as the rebels who surround that town. The rebels answer the fire, but no casualties have yet occurred. The English officers have led sorties on two occasions and have put the rebel troops to flight, but each time, after pursuing them for a short distance, gave up the chase and returned to the garrison."

EGYPT.

CAIRO, Dec. 9.—Dispatches received here to-day attribute the failure of El Mahdi to continue his advance on Khartoum to the breaking out of dissensions among the heads of the various tribes marching under his banner. Some of these advocates an advance upon Dongola, while others prefer an attack on Khartoum. The two factions cannot agree on a plan of operation.

Maj. Evelyn Baring has sent a dispatch to Suakin on the fifth inst. in which he stated that he had received reports from the Egyptian officers who had been taken prisoner in his hands, provided a sufficient ransom be paid.

Zachariah, the agent of the Egyptian government at Kordofan, has received instructions to negotiate with the chiefs who support El Mahdi for the release of all Egyptian prisoners. Colonellog has been instructed to hold Khartoum until Baker Pasha formally orders him to evacuate it.

Another account of the Egyptian defeat at Suakin on the fifth inst. states that the Egyptian troops were reconquered outside of Suakin on the fifth inst., and that severe fighting ensued, in which the Egyptians were completely annihilated and their artillery captured.

ITALY.

ROME, Dec. 9.—Signor Lovito, who fought a duel with Baron Nicotera, on Friday last, has resigned the secretaryship of the ministry of the interior. Both the duelists will be prosecuted.

IRELAND.

DUBLIN, Dec. 9.—English party leaders and the members of the cabinet are still undecided as to the policy of extending the franchise bill. Ireland will, consequently, remain perturbed on the subject until the cabinet meetings are resumed, which will not be until after Christmas. Whatever the decision may be, it will not of which a committee of the cabinet.

The Irish party is at present chiefly absorbed in its preparations for the banquet to Parnell, in Dublin, next Tuesday.

The rounds promises to be on that occasion the scene of a grand and noisy demonstration. The lord mayor of Dublin will preside. The first toast will be, "Ireland, a Nation," and Davitt is expected to respond to it. The lead-

THE NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

A Lively Struggle Between Cities for the Next Convention.

Delegations of Visiting Statesmen Pouring in Numerously.

It is evident that there will be a strong contest between several of the large cities to secure the location of the next republican national convention within their borders. The citizens' committee of Chicago, including Hon. A. M. Jones, chairman of the state central committee, Messrs. George B. Swift, Daniel Shepard, and Col. Bradley are already on the ground, and are prepared to present the many advantages offered by that city for the accommodation of the convention. Committees from Cincinnati, Indianapolis, Saratoga, and Philadelphia are expected this afternoon, and it is also stated that Baltimore will put in a claim for the honor.

From the conversation of several members of the national committee now in the city it is inferred that Cincinnati has inaugurated a sort of still hunt for the convention, and has already secured several earnest advocates in the committee. Many of those who were in Cincinnati, eight years ago, however, and remember the difficulties encountered in securing accommodations in the way of a hall and hotels earnestly protest that they do not care to repeat their experience by selecting that city. Gov. Foster, who is in the city, says that he is unanimous for Cincinnati, and so are the representatives from the state.

The Indiana delegation is bent on having the convention in Indianapolis. The best talkers in the state are here already, and the advantage will be re-enforced to-day by a Pullman car load of eloquence from the Hoosier metropolis. This mighty delegation will go to work at once on the republican national committee, and bring its full powers to bear on the subject.

The arguments advanced will be numerous and powerful, according to all accounts. Said one of the visiting orators last evening: "Indianapolis is a great railroad center in the first place. It is the easiest city to get into or away from in the United States. It has a large number of hotels, which can accommodate from 12,000 to 15,000 visitors, or more for that matter. The citizens will build a wigwag having a seating capacity of 12,000 people, and sit it right down by the courthouse, which has room enough to give every state a headquarters, with space to spare. The people are hospitable and energetic, and will provide for their guests. When Indiana is doubtful of the holding of the convention there will stimulate the boys wonderfully. They will want stimulation if old Joe McDonald should happen to get the democratic nomination."

Major Grubb and Mayor-elect McMeesters, of Indianapolis, and half the Indianapolis board of trade, and Indiana officials resident here will join in making the great pull. The Indiana people said the convention will be held in their city, and they will not let it slip. They will hold a meeting at the Briggs to-night and agree upon a programme.

Saratoga is also in dead earnest, and to quote the utterances of a prominent New York member of the committee now in the city to secure the convention.

There appears to be a strong sectional feeling developing against the holding of the convention again west of the Alleghenies, and the representatives of eastern cities are probably not their interest and make a united effort to secure some one of the points named in the Atlantic states.

There has been some discussion with regard to the vacant chairmanship, but there are too few members of the committee now in the city to gather any idea of who will be prominently urged for it.

THE SALVATION ARMY.

They Say They Will Obey God Before They Will the Chief of Police.

NEW HAVEN, Dec. 9.—Owing to the many complaints from citizens Mayor Lewis last night issued an order addressed to the chief of police prohibiting the members of the salvation army from occupying the streets or public squares, as heretofore, and directing them to refrain from singing, blowing horns, and beating drums and tambourines. In accordance with the city ordinance prohibiting disturbance of such character. The mayor's order concludes as follows: "In conducting your meetings in a place of worship according to our good old New England custom, I guarantee you full and ample protection, and will assure you that every officer will see that your rights are not interfered with."

A Girl Arrested for Murder.

HAMILTON, ONT., Dec. 9.—In June last, George Mitchell, 9 years old, quarreled with Rachel Babcock, who, the latter struck him on the head with a file, from the effects of which he died to-day. Rachel has been arrested on a charge of murder.

Reducing Wages.

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 9.—The Penn Iron company, of this city, have notified their puddlers of a 10 per cent. reduction, to take effect on the fifteenth inst. It is probable that the works will shut down, as the workmen refuse to accept the reduction.

CABLE CATCHES.

Long, the academical, has received £7,000 for his "Flight into Egypt."

Grand Duke Sergius, of Russia, is betrothed to Princess Elizabeth, of Hesse-Darmstadt, granddaughter of the queen.

The wife of ex-Senator Windom is in Paris until after the holidays, when she returns to her residence in Washington.

Maj. Hollingshead will establish a permanent residence in London. Mrs. Bernhardt and Julie will open it for the winter season.

The sultan has dispatched an aid-de-camp to Hedjaz and two courtiers to the Sudan on errands relating to El Mahdi's revolt.

Mrs. H. Vanderbilt has commissioned Meisner to paint her military picture, for which, if possible, she has a famous "1867," for which the late Mr. Stewart paid \$20,000.

The German crown prince arrived at Seville yesterday. He was received at the depot by the Duke of Montpensier, who gave a banquet in the prince's honor this evening.

Frederick Achard, of the Theatre Gymnase, Paris, is about to make a starting tour of the United States. His roles are chiefly Shakespearean. He speaks English well, and his friends predict success.

Tennyson has been asked to reconsider his refusal to accept peerage, and the queen has had conveyed to him her strong desire to make him a peer. If the peerage should succeed Tennyson would probably take his own name for his title.

Ouida, writing to the London Times, denies that she has been converted to the Catholic religion. She says that she has met Monsignor Capel, whom she found to be a most agreeable person, but she never even mentioned theology to him; she never even heard him preach.

Riemack has sent to each state in the empire a draft of his bill for compensation to workmen for injuries received while employed in factories, on railroads, etc. It is stated that this will be the first measure passed by the government at the next meeting of the Reichstag.

The international conference at Sydney, New South Wales, for the purpose of abolishing convict labor on the landing in New Guinea of convicts from other islands and against recognizing punishment in New Guinea, have been dissolved under that island has been established.

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How the Man Who Attempted to Blow Up the German Embassy Operated at Mance.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—Genuine socialists take no stock in the pretension of membership in their propaganda by Wolff, who is waiting trial for attempting to blow up the German embassy. One of the best known socialists of this city to-day declared that Wolff first made his appearance in England in November, 1882. He pretended to be a younger brother of Emil Gautier, the French anarchist writer, who was soon afterwards sentenced with Prince Krapotkin and others to five years' imprisonment for conspiring against public order at Lyons.

Wolff, most of the French, who was imprisoned for utterances offensive to the German government, and who, when he was released, became prominent among socialist leaders, was approached about this time by the pretended Gautier, who undertook to him a plot which was to make a fortune for the participants.

The plan was that they, with one or two others, were to go to Mance and become frequenters of its famous gambling saloons. Upon a given signal, they were to explode a dynamite bomb under one of the tables and during the confusion were to seize all the money they could lay hands upon.

Each was also to have secreted a bottle of petroleum, which he was to break and ignite, so that the horrors of a conflagration might be added to those of the explosion and aid in covering their flight.

All Wolff, or Gautier, asked of Most was to arrange for the manufacture of suitable bombs. Most was suspicious of Gautier, and, through the revolutionary bureau, ascertained that Emil Gautier had never had a brother. He convinced himself that his brother was a tool of the police, employed to inveigle him into a conspiracy and betray him to another imprisonment. He washed his hands of the conspiracy, but the explosion and attempted robbery occurred soon after, and Most believed that Wolff and his fellows were the plotters. It was during the explosion of November, 1882, when play in Mance had been high. Suddenly there was a terrible explosion, and a rush of the habitués to the doors and windows. Ladies fainted, and confusion was general, but the employees of the saloon, evidently prepared for just such a contingency, instantly shouted: "Protect your money, gentlemen, this is the work of robbers."

The coolness of the officials saved most of the money, but the plotters were never traced. It is now believed that it was Wolff's plot.

Counsel alleges that this plot was contrived by Louis Bonduand, a brother of the Bonduand arrested with Wolff, and who is admittedly a monarchist.

HOW TO CATCH FISH.

The Fish Commission Paraphrase Jonah and the Whale.

Referring to the methods in use on the fish commission steamer Albatross for catching rare specimens of deep-sea fishes, oftentimes five miles below the surface, a gentleman connected with the vessel said last evening to a *Washington Post* reporter that a peculiar-shaped wire dredge (or seine) is used. It has runners, similar to those of a sled, curled up at both ends, the seine part being made of finely knitted wire. A flexible wire rope is attached to the dredge, which is lowered and raised by two cranes, built expressly for the purpose. Much difficulty is experienced in securing the small fishes in perfect condition. The great pressure of the water, as the dredge is being hoisted to the surface, forces the fishes against the wire netting and mutilates many of them beyond recognition. Most of the unimpaired specimens are gotten in a novel manner. Nearly every haul of the dredge captures large fish, some of them of the size of a small whale, and the same gear, which mutilates the smaller fishes causes the larger ones to expand their jaws and open their mouths. Many of the little ones find their way into these capacious openings, and are brought to the surface alive and well preserved. "We have taken large fish by the tail," said the speaker, "and in many cases dumped out a bucketful of specimens on the deck."

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